Appl. No. 10/701,839 Resp. Dated <u>April 30, 2007</u> Reply to Office Action of February 28, 2007

REMARKS

In response to the February 28, 2007 Office Action, Applicants respond to the Examiner's detailed action with the following remarks numbered according to the Examiner's communication.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the Examiner's final restriction requirement between Group I (Claims 1-6), Group II (Claims 7-18), Group III (Claims 19-26), Group IV (Claims 27-32), Applicants elect Group II. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case.

Applicants appreciate the opportunity to call the Examiner but believe that this amendment to the claims and the forgoing remarks fully address the issues raised by the Examiner. On the other hand, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if he has any matters to address that will facilitate allowance of the application.

Filed with this amendment and response is a petition to extend the time to answer together with the applicable fee to be paid from Deposit Account No.: 50-3010.

Respectfully submitted,

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